

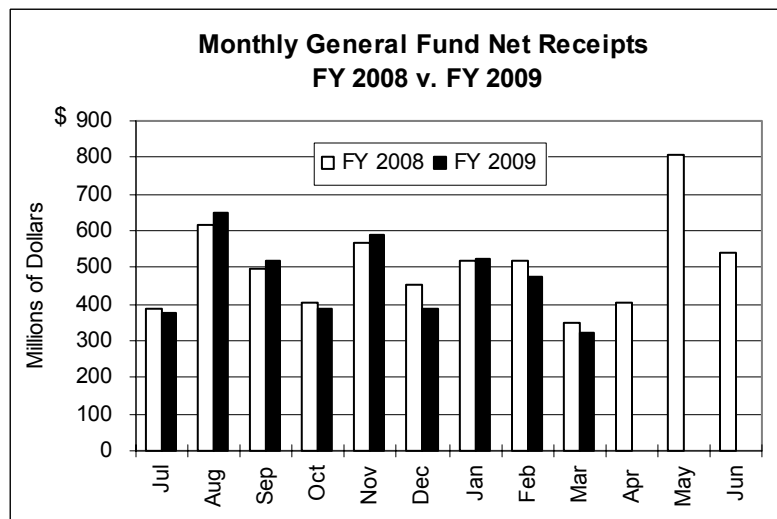
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## Monthly General Fund Receipts through March 31, 2009

The attached spreadsheet presents FY 2009 General Fund total net receipts with comparable figures for actual FY 2008. The figures can be compared to the FY 2009 estimate of \$5.862 billion set by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) on March 20, 2009. The FY 2009 estimate is a decrease of \$157.9 million (- 2.6%) compared to actual FY 2008 total net receipts (excludes transfers). The next REC meeting has not been scheduled.



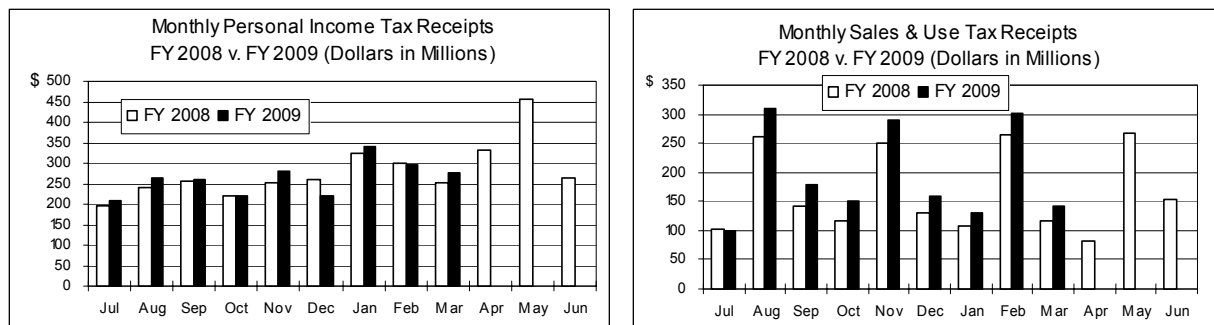
## FY 2009 Compared to FY 2008

Year-to-date FY 2009 total net receipts (excluding transfers) decreased \$87.2 million (- 2.0%) compared to FY 2008. Major sources and their contribution to the FY 2009 change include:

- Personal income tax (positive \$62.8 million, 2.7%)
- Sales/use tax (positive \$265.9 million, 17.8%)
- Corporate tax (negative \$40.8 million, - 12.9%)
- Other taxes (negative \$16.0 million, - 4.7%)
- Other receipts (negative \$1.3 million, - 0.4%)
- Tax refunds not including school infrastructure refunds (negative \$106.3 million)
- School infrastructure sales/use tax refunds (negative \$251.5 million)

**Personal Income Tax** revenues received in March totaled \$275.1 million, an increase of \$21.6 million (8.5%) compared to March 2008.

The FY 2009 REC income tax estimate of \$3.363 billion represents a projected increase of 0.1% compared to actual FY 2008. Through March, total income tax receipts increased 2.7%. By subcategory, withholding payments increased \$49.0 million (2.6%), estimate payments decreased \$8.3 million (- 2.7%), and payments with returns increased \$22.2 million (20.7%). The following chart compares FY 2009 monthly income tax receipts from the three personal income tax subcategories with FY 2008.



**Sales/Use Tax** receipts received in March totaled \$142.8 million, an increase of \$25.5 million (21.7%) compared to March 2008. The State sales/use tax rate was increased from 5.0% to 6.0% beginning July 1, 2008, with the increase replacing the School Infrastructure Local Option (SILO) sales tax. Beginning in August, sales/use gross tax receipts were no longer adjusted for SILO sales tax payments to school districts. This change is the reason for strong monthly sales/use tax increases in FY 2009.

The REC estimate for FY 2009 sales/use tax receipts is \$2.355 billion, an increase of 17.7% compared to actual FY 2008. Through March, total gross sales/use tax receipts have increased 17.8%. The preceding chart compares FY 2009 monthly sales/use tax receipts with FY 2008.

**Corporate Tax** receipts received in March totaled \$32.4 million, an increase of \$2.5 million (8.4%) compared to March 2008.

The REC estimate for FY 2009 corporate tax revenue is \$407.3 million, a decrease of 15.8% compared to actual FY 2008. Year-to-date total corporate tax revenue has decreased 12.9%.

**Other tax receipts** received in March totaled \$30.9 million, a decrease of \$5.4 million (- 14.9%) compared to March 2008. Insurance, beer, franchise, and cigarette tax receipts were all down for the month.

The REC estimate for other tax revenue is \$479.3 million, a decrease of 3.0% compared to actual FY 2008. Through March, other tax revenue decreased 4.7%.

**Other receipts** (non-tax receipts) received in March totaled \$30.0 million, an increase of \$2.1 million (7.5%) compared to March 2008. Institutional payments, fees, and judicial receipts all increased for the month.

The REC estimate for FY 2009 other receipts revenue is \$374.4 million, a decrease of 1.7% compared to actual FY 2008. Year-to-date total other receipts have decreased 0.4%.

**Tax Refunds** issued in March totaled \$157.9 million, an increase of \$42.7 million (37.1%) compared to March 2008. In addition, school infrastructure refunds totaled \$30.0 million in March.

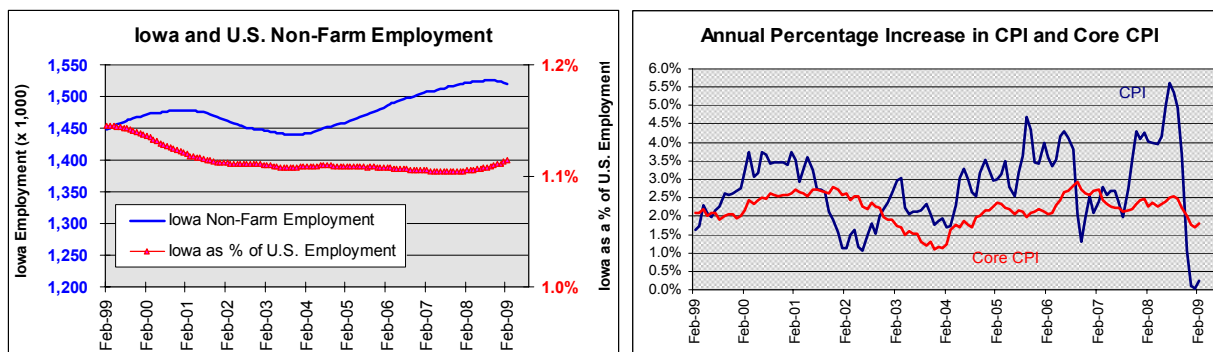
Cash year-to-date tax refunds issued total \$555.5 million, \$106.3 million (23.7%) above the amount through March of last year. In addition, school infrastructure refunds totaled \$251.5 million through March.

## Status of the Economy

Iowa non-farm employment was reported at 1,477,200 for the month of February (not seasonally adjusted), 22,700 lower (- 1.5%) than February 2008. This is the largest negative growth month since August 2002.

Iowa's 12-month average employment is presented in a graph below. The average non-farm employment pre-recession peak was February 2001 (1,478,700), and the recession low was September 2003 (1,439,900). The current 12-month average reading is now 1,519,900 so annualized Iowa non-farm employment is 41,200 above its 2001 peak and 80,000 above the 2003 low.

The chart below also presents Iowa non-farm employment as a percent of U.S. non-farm employment. Iowa's share of national non-farm employment decreased noticeably from 1998 through 2002. Despite Iowa's decrease in non-farm employment the past four months, Iowa's share of non-farm employment compared the U.S. non-farm employment has increased slightly the past fourteen months and is now at its highest level since January 2003.



Consumer prices increased 0.5% during February (not seasonally adjusted). The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) through February 2009 was 212.2 (1983/84=100). After five consecutive months of decreases, the annual inflation increased slightly and the year-over-year change is now 0.2%.

Core CPI, an inflation measure excluding food and energy prices, increased in February and stands at 1.8%, year-over-year. The core inflation rate declined considerably from the early 1990s through March 2004 and had not been below 2.0% since August 2004. For the two components excluded from the core rate, energy prices increased 2.4% in February and currently stand at negative 18.5% in the year-over-year comparison while food prices are up 4.7% year-over-year, marking the first time the figure has been below 5.0% since March 2008.

Information related to State General Fund receipts is available on the Fiscal Services Division's web site at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/receipts/daily.html>

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS - FY 2008 vs. FY 2009 July 1 through March 31 (in millions of dollars) Dollars may not add due to rounding. Percentages Calculated on Rounded Numbers					ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (in millions of dollars) FY 08 Actual Compared to FY 09 REC Estimate		
	FY 2008	FY 2009	Year to Date % Change	March % Change	Actual FY 2008	Estimate FY 2009	Projected % Change
Personal Income Tax	\$ 2,304.0	\$ 2,366.8	2.7%	8.5%	\$ 3,359.7	\$ 3,363.1	0.1%
Sales/Use Tax	1,495.7	1,761.6	17.8%	21.7%	2,000.2	2,355.1	17.7%
Corporate Income Tax	316.9	276.1	-12.9%	8.4%	483.8	407.3	-15.8%
Inheritance Tax	57.1	57.2	0.2%	13.3%	78.4	78.4	0.0%
Insurance Premium Tax	67.6	57.7	-14.6%	-40.6%	111.7	112.9	1.1%
Cigarette Tax	168.0	163.1	-2.9%	-9.2%	229.5	217.0	-5.4%
Tobacco Tax	15.6	17.2	10.3%	17.6%	21.2	21.8	2.8%
Beer Tax	10.9	11.0	0.9%	0.0%	14.5	14.7	1.4%
Franchise Tax	23.0	19.9	-13.5%	-30.8%	37.6	33.5	-10.9%
Miscellaneous Tax	0.5	0.6	20.0%	100.0%	1.0	1.0	0.0%
Total Special Taxes	\$ 4,459.2	\$ 4,731.2	6.1%	10.1%	\$ 6,337.5	\$ 6,604.8	4.2%
Institutional Payments	10.9	11.7	7.3%	14.3%	14.9	13.7	-8.1%
Liquor Profits	50.4	58.6	16.3%	0.0%	72.4	81.6	12.7%
Interest	24.0	13.8	-42.5%	-55.0%	25.3	14.7	-41.9%
Fees	63.7	60.2	-5.5%	9.1%	82.1	71.6	-12.8%
Judicial Revenue	63.0	67.3	6.8%	32.0%	90.0	93.3	3.7%
Miscellaneous Receipts	28.4	27.5	-3.2%	-7.4%	36.1	39.5	9.4%
Racing and Gaming Receipts	60.0	60.0	0.0%	0.0%	60.0	60.0	0.0%
TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 4,759.6	\$ 5,030.2	5.7%	9.9%	\$ 6,718.3	\$ 6,979.2	3.9%
Accrued Revenue-Net					-24.0	-0.1	
Tax Refunds *	-449.2	-555.5	23.7%	37.1%	-674.8	-760.0	12.6%
School Infrast. Refunds *	0.0	-251.5			0.0	-357.5	
TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	\$ 4,310.4	\$ 4,223.2	-2.0%	-7.6%	\$ 6,019.5	\$ 5,861.6	-2.6%
* For FY 2008 and FY 2009 Year-to-Date, refunds are listed on a cash basis. For FY 2008 Actual and FY 2009 Estimate, refunds are listed on a fiscal year basis.							